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Governor Gray Davis
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Dear Governor Gray:

It seems to me that the CALFED program addresses a critical issue in California. I urge you to do everything in your power to see that water quality is improved, not just in our kitchens but in our streams and rivers, along our coasts and bays, in the wetlands and the lagoons.

I repeat again and again the potential harm done by pollutants contained in water runoff from yards and streets. I speak against the fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and pesticides that pass from fields, yards and golf courses into the culverts, then the streams, and finally the bays and ocean waters. Percolating water as it sinks into the aquifers carries also a host of pollutants, including gasoline and fuel wastes, which contaminate the water. That water is later pumped out onto farms and into reservoirs.

Water conservation in the Metropolitan Water District has improved the situation for Mono Lake; perhaps it can help all California and its neighbors to have enough water to serve everyone. Waste not and thus sustain others. I see a river of water flow down the gutter in front of my house. I've even gone out with a can and scooped it into my yard to prevent such loss. The public needs strong reminders that watering the sidewalk and street is unnecessary. Washing the driveway and the car with a hose wastes water. Planting water-hungry plants is a loss-loss practice in southern California.

A strong public information program is needed. New regulations may help. Enforced penalties may add to the solution. Please pay attention to California's water problems.

Sincerely,

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